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The Call

MISS. E. A. DEACE
Birmingham, Ala.

The train blew for the crossing and reminded Ed. of his reason for coming to Kellyton before Saturday's half holiday.

He had driven a neighbor's buggy twelve miles through the country to meet Brother Willie's daughter who was coming from Birmingham to visit her father's old home on the farm. He rose from the nail keg on which he had been sitting an hour listening to accounts of the last big meeting at Shady Grove, when all the boys and girls for miles around had gone to church to sit out in the shade and talk while a number of them strolled about and listened to the singing of the more devout of their number and the older folks.

His eyes glistened as Ned Williams and Jack Walker described the good dinner spread under the trees picnic fashion, and teased each other about their girls.

"Whar wuz you, Ed"? asked Ned. "Aw, I didn't want to come" he answered in his slow dry manner but his heart burned within him as he remembered that his shoes were worn out, his clothes ragged and the old cap on his head showed evidences of long wear.

He slowly made his way to the little station and stood waiting for his visitor whom he did not know.

A slender girl of fifteen with bright gray eyes that looked inquiringly over the crowd drew his attention.

She was so fair, and dressed so differently from the girls he knew that he stood abashed.

However no one else got off the train from the colored coach so he walked over and asked if she came from Birmingham.

So this was Brother Willie's daughter. He led her over to the buggy and soon they were rattling over the rough roads to the little cabin among the hills.

She chatted away about her school life, the boys and girls she knew at home, the games they played, the picture shows, ball games, car rides and all the alluring delights of the city with its bright lights. Did he read much? "No"? Did they play ball? "Sometimes."

The moon rose over the dark pines; the crickets and frogs made a weird but not unpleasing accompaniment to the hoof beats of the horse and the rattling buggy.

When they reached home the guest was given fried chicken, while the boy was given a plate with corn bread, fat meat and molasses.

He fed and rubbed the horse down, closed the stable, went to the little shed room and dropped down on the mattress of pine straw spread on the floor, drew the dirty ragged quilt over him and went to sleep to dream of the joys of the city.

What joys did his own home offer him to dream of?

Coarse food, the dirty pallet to sleep on, clothes that were neither whole nor clean, days of hard work in the hot sun behind the plow in summer, hired out in winter and for what? His father sold the crop and spent the money; his father collected his wages and spent the money for the things the father wanted—Sometimes whiskey and tobacco.

She had been gone a week now and he leaned on his hoe in reverie. A sense of loss, of something he knew not what, a realization of the loneliness and hopelessness of the life he led swept over him. Brother Willie had run away years before and now he worked on the railroad, drew nearly a hundred dollars every month and his family had pretty furniture, and nice clothes and a good time, He was eighteen now why shouldn't he try it too?

The hot sun blazed down upon him as he worked. Not a breeze stirred. The drone of insects and the twittering of the birds as they flitted through the trees did not attract his attention.

They were familiar to him. He saw no beauty in leaf or flower. His eyes sought not the blue of the heavens with fleecy white clouds edged with silver.

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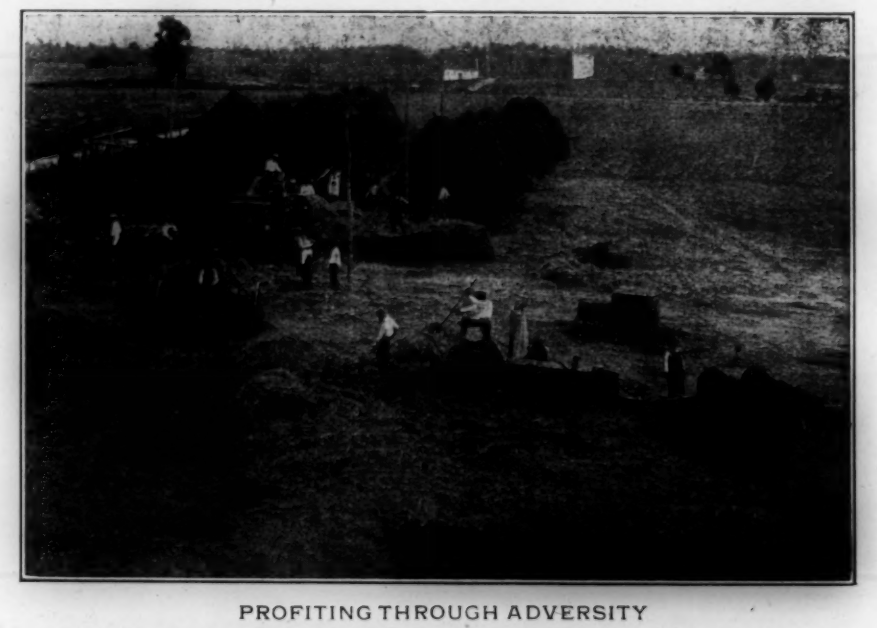
A Prayer

I do not ask, O Lord, in this short life,
In some sequestered, quiet nook to dwell;
Fain would I seek the battle's fiercest strife
If even death comes—Thou near—all is well.

I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou wouldst keep
My soul in heavenly pastures fair;
I pray alone to comfort those who weep
In penitence, in grief, or care.

For perfect ease, O God, I do not ask,
Dost Thou not know Thy weak child's need of rest?
Give but the strength, for each day with its task,
And peace, at even, on Thy loving breast.

—*Etta Augusta Deace.*



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THE CALL

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That night a tall dark figure stole from the little shed and turned toward Kellyton. Before day it slipped into an empty car on the side of the train opposite the little station and went to Birmingham.

As he sat with his head in his hands trying to plan how he would live in this strange new place he made up his mind not to go to his brother, for his father would compel him to return to the life he hated, but he would make his own way, earn money, dress up and when he did return, how the old friends would look on in surprise at the fine figure he made.

Two months later a tall gaunt figure with sunken cheeks and burning eyes timidly knocked at the door of one of a row of quarter houses in the city. The same gray eyes looked into the thin worn face, that had so lately been flushed with health, but he did not know them now.

"I thought Will Thomas lived here," he faltered and started to turn away, but nature could be goaded no further and he caught the door for support.

Tenderly they led him in, soft hands bathed the fevered brow and gently fanned him. The doctor came later and shook his head doubtfully. "He has been sick around some camp where he received no attention evidently for a week or two. Typhoid, yes, and I hardly think he will pull through; why will these young fellows leave the farm to come here to a life they know nothing about and drift into this crime"?

Two weeks he fought and then one morning the little friend saw the eyes turn wistfully toward her, then close forever.

How still it was! She caught the still warm hand in hers but there was no responsive clasp. The angel of death had stilled the restless heart and carved the strong brown face with the nobility possible in life—Yet not brought out.

They took him back to the old home, to the little white country church in the grove. The old minister preached on the waywardness of youth and the temptations of the wicked and held this poor runaway up as an evidence of God's divine wrath. He hoped the brother made his peace with God before the end.

The weird solemn music of the congregation mourned a soft accompaniment to his deep rich voice, and then a voice, soft and melodious began to sing, "Prepare me, Prepare me Lord, Prepare me when death shall shake this frame."

They buried him in the little churchyard and a bit of board with Ed. Thomas written on it was placed at the head of the grave, and they went away.

A young girl tossed on her bed that night and gazed into the darkness. Why had she told him about the city, why had she taught him to want to leave even his hard lot. He might be alive, going daily to his humble task, with the same soft brown eyes that laughed at her ignorance of common trees and her foolish fear of little insects.

In after years the little grave now overgrown with grass, was forgotten for youth lives in the glory of the future, not the sad memories of the past; and she was ambitious, a leader in the busy life about her, a happy laughing girl who loved to work, sing, to dance and play, but sometimes as she read of the new schools going up in the far away country places, the thought would come, "Perhaps Ed. would have loved his home if some teacher, like the dear unselfish soul who had guided her, could have shown him the beauty of the rosy fingered dawn and the greater glory of the dying day; the music of the whispering pines and the flood of melody that came from the throats of birds. If—and then she turned resolutely away from the thought, as yet unvoiced, for life and love called louder than those other boys who would be drawn by the bright lights of the city, to all its pit-falls for unwary feet, as Ed. had been.

Uncle John and his 'High-bed Disease' of Corn

"Talk about the boll weevil, man," said Uncle John, as he dropped in on the Editor, "I've discovered a corn disease that beats the boll weevil all holler. They's quite a lot of it, too, an' I see some farmers' whole crops have got it bad."

"What is it—some sort of bug or worm?" we asked the old man.

"I'll tell you about the symptoms," he replied, "an' let you figger it fer yourself what's the matter. First trouble you notice is that the corn, somehow or other, has managed to git itself set way up on a ridge, with what looks to me like ditches between the ridges. Then the little corn takes on a sort o' hungry, weazened look, gets hard and knotty like a yearlin' with the ticks on him, turns yailer, an' ends its unhappy career by makin' a nubbin, an' sometimes just a shuck, with not a grain o' corn in it."

"This is a new one and seems pretty serious. Does it seem to be catching—can one plant or field catch it from another?" we inquired.

"No, it ain't ketchin', so fer's I know," said Uncle John, "though I do find whole neighborhoods that's got it. It seems to be specially bad where folks use alot o' store-bought corn an' meat an' hay, leave their tools out under a blue-sky shed, an' buy fertilizers by the stink instead o' by what's in 'em."

"Well, we give it up; what's the disease, what causes it and what's the remedy?" we asked.

"The disease," said Uncle John, stroking his whiskers and assuming a knowing air, "is what I call high-bed disease. It is caused by over-indulgence in the turnplow, bein' superindooced, as Doc Stringer would say, by a severe attack o' the germ o' ignorance. They ain't but one remedy, the treatment bein' inoculation with the germs o' common sense an' a steady diet o' farm bulletins an' papers, with visits from Doctor Demonstration Agent until cured. If this don't do the work, then I recommend some other business for the farmer.—The Progressive Farmer.

Fight the Boll-Weevil--- Diversify Crops

—*Prof. Wm. Rakestraw*, Tuskegee Conference Agent, Makes Tour of Pickens County.

Pickens County has been greatly benefited by the tour of Prof. Wm. Rakestraw, Tuskegee Conference Agent, who has visited all its communities, addressing large crowds of colored farmers and white visitors as well, on the two subjects of vital interest to Alabama, the boll-weevil—and—Crop Diversification.

Miss E. L. Gulley, principal of the County Training School near Carrollton has organized a farmers' conference in connection with her school. This body was in session and the speaker addressed six hundred people on planting what the boll-weevil will not eat. The County Superintendent who was present commended the work of the conference and the address of the speaker.

Visits were made to Gordo, Reform, the Poplar Spring School, Ethelville, Adams School, Hopewell School and Carrollton, where a meeting was held in the court house. The use of the chart in showing how to farm and what to raise was especially helpful. A number of white visitors were present, who were interested in the meeting and helpful in their remarks.

One offered fare for a return trip of the agent, a second tour was asked for by the people. On the second trip visits were made to Carrollton, Aliceville, Samantha, and the County Training School.

It is difficult to estimate the value of this work, going directly to the people, in their communities, carefully explaining to them what to do and how to do it, but evidences of its influence for good will be seen in better farms, better homes, better schools and stronger, more efficient men and women.

About two thousand people listened to the addresses and went back to their homes to fight the boll weevil, raise more food crops, more poultry, more live stock—in fact, to diversify crops and live in comfort, as the speaker advised.

Rev. J. W. T. CUNNINGHAM,
Supervising Teacher,
Pickens County.
(Per Inez Garner).

Making Cheap Pork

Next fall we will receive many letters asking for information as to what to feed with corn to fatten hogs. Now is the time to answer that question, for now is the time for making plans for solving the problem. There is nothing better than peanuts and soy beans, or velvet beans in the lower South. This is the time to prepare for these crops. Get the seed ready and when the oats or wheat field is cleared put out a liberal acreage of one or all of these crops. If more is grown than the hogs can consume, harvest some for feeding the hogs next winter, and if still more is grown there is nothing better for the land and no more economical way of increasing crop yields or fertilizing next year's crops than to turn under a crop of these legumes. Even cowpeas make good hog feed, although they yield less, and since the seed is cheap there should be no lack of feed for the hogs next fall.—The Progressive Farmer.

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"Fertilize Your Spot"

No individual who has kept pace with the doings of the black man can deny the fact that he has made wonderful progress along many lines—in his home, in his farm, in his church, and in his schools. But despite this wonderful progress, there is a serious tendency, which seems almost a racial characteristic, to migrate—to move from place to place. Mr. A beholds the beautiful farm products of Mr. B's farm and without thought, decides to move from "This old run down farm of mine over yonder where B is." He gets there in a sloven and haphazard manner—half breaking the land—half cultivating the crop, planting the same thing on the same land year after year, again finds himself cultivating an impoverished soil—finds that this same farm which yielded so abundantly for B, fails to meet his demands.

THE REASON WHY

What is the difference between these two farmers and the reason for such differences in results? Mr. A is a careless, indifferent, lazy sort of fellow, who fails to pen his cattle, and is too lazy to gather the manure from his horse stables. He never thinks of the fertilizing elements of the cow peas, beans, and pea-nuts. His method of building up worn-out soil is to let it lie out—"Let it rest." He spends the rainy days sleeping, instead of in the woods—gathering leaves and swamp muck. No wonder his farm runs down. No wonder he is in debt, and unable to properly feed, clothe and school his children. No wonder his boys grow tired of such existence and leave home, leave the farm, and wander into the large cities, that are already too crowded with human wrecks, into crime, misery, and disgrace. But ah, the pleasure it gives to meet Mr. B. He is of a different type. He is thoughtful, resourceful, and industrious. He knows that land, like men, gets hungry and must be fed, if we would get the best results. His is a life of happiness and prosperity, because his land instead of becoming poorer, increases in fertility. He does not spend so much time roving over the country in quest of a more fertile farm but concentrates his efforts about his very feet—fertilizes his own farm and teaches his whole community that land, if properly handled, never wears out.

By fertilizing his own "Spot," he becomes a fixture and a very profitable asset to his community, not only elevating himself, but is a model for all who observe his activities. Many of our farmers have failed because they did not appreciate the importance of what was in their hands. They dropped the meat that they already had, in their effort to get the other man's meat. They waited for things to turn up, rather than turn something up.

"JOE THE BOOK FARMER"

I would that every Negro boy in this country would read the book, "JOE THE BOOK FARMER." I am sure that farm life would have a new and deeper meaning. Joe was a boy who was anxious to know more about the nature of the soil. He was dissatisfied with his father's method of farming, and requested an opportunity to develop his agricultural ability. But the father was not interested. He was contented with his slipshod manner of farming. But fortunate for Joe a merchant heard his earnest appeal to his father and at once offered the father $160 for Joe's time. The father agreed and Joe was given the opportunity of his life.—an opportunity to become the partner of the merchant who furnished the necessary money and encouraged him to become the greatest farmer of his community. Joe applied to his father for land, and was given the four poorest acres of the entire plantation. But he was not to be discouraged. He at once, took his basket and rake and went to the woods and on his shoulder carried sufficient straw, leaves, and other fertilizing elements to cover his entire plot. This much accomplished, the land was thoroughly ploughed broad-cast and allowed to stand for the whole winter.

By careful breaking of the land, careful selection of seed, and careful cultivation of crop, Joe gathered 180 bushels of corn from one acre of land from which his father had formerly gathered 25 bushels. His father as well as the whole community appreciated as never before, the value of applying brains as well as muscular force to the soil. Joe sold his corn for $2.50 per bushel because it was high grade, the best ever grown in his community.

THE HOME GARDEN

Now Mr. Farmer, what about your garden? Have you fertilized and planted it? Remember that there is no "Spot" in proportion to size, that brings greater returns, than the garden. These dreary winter days, when you are longing for a "Little mess of vegetables," and your money is gone, and your neighbors have locked their garden gates against you and tacked up the sign—"Cash today and credit toworrow," a good garden of your own, will have a most telling effect in your home. Stop going over your community complimenting your neighbor's garden, unless you are giving him an opportunity to compliment yours.

Nothing is more embarrassing to your little children than to be running all over the community begging "greens." They would far prefer helping you fertilize your garden and plant it. The world looks upon him as a very poor farmer and a very sorry man who hasn't the forethought, interest, and energy to have a garden.

Now is your time to make good. Now is your time to prepare to strike "The panic" a death blow. What if you grow more vegetables than your family can consume and the vegetable market is dull? Can't you feed the surplus to your cattle thereby increasing your milk supply? Wouldn't the hogs enjoy a daily ration well mixed with vegetables? Wouldn't your deficient corn and hay crops last longer as a result of this important supplement?

Think on these things. The boll weevil despises cabbage, turnips, potatoes, corn, peas and pork. These are the products that largely satisfy the hunger of man. Grow these and the weevil must seek new quarters.

A FINAL WORD

Were I permitted, I would submit the same suggestion to the more than four hundred colored teachers who recently attended the Tuskegee Summer School, that I have made to the farmer, "Fertilize your spot." I am sure that I predict rightly when I say that each teacher, as a result of his instructions in Agriculture, Dairying, Manual Training, Cooking, Sewing and the various other industries, will carry a new meaning, a new life into each community.

Remember that the best schools, the best communities, are developed not by moving from place to place but by the teachers, trustees, and patrons throwing their best selves into the cause of rural uplift.

—VERNON W. BARNETT.

The Community Spirit

The growing community is making its progress because of the fine working spirit of the people who live in it. The community which has church leaders representing different denominations working against each other, the community which has school trustees who are not pulling together in their own school work and who are not in harmony with the church officers and the church work, the farming community which has no intelligent farmers who are willing to meet in conferences and other farmers' meetings to discuss better methods of farming, the community which altogether has no community pride, is not in a condition to grow. The average community does not make the progress it should make in church matters, in school matters, and in home improvement because of the existence of jealous hearts and spirit, and because of the feeling of envy, not wanting the other fellow to make more progress, to outshine.

The individual which makes the greatest amount of progress is the individual who tries to help everybody else get ahead. The community which makes the greatest amount of progress is that community which is made up of individuals who make the sacrifice of self. Let us hope that every community will work hard to have that which is so necessary in its growth—A good Community Spirit.

—C. J. CALLOWAY,
Director Extension Department.

A Successful Home Garden at Bluffton, Ga.

The ladies in the Spring Creek school community have thoroughly awakened to the needs and economic value of real good, beautiful gardens.

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There should be no question about the home generally; for Mrs. Slaton exercises her knowledge of the sanitary necessities about her beautiful farm home.

Her knowledge of affairs does not stop in her own home; for she is interested in community and school work. She is the president of the Ladies' Club, and takes every opportunity that presents itself to arouse the home makers spirit in those about her.

Every woman who lives on the farm should be inspired to make her home and garden a model for the younger people.

—MARY C. ROSS.

The Influence of the Jeanes Fund Work

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Roena L. Warren, Supervisor of Wayne Co., Waynesboro, Miss.

The readers of the Negro Farmer have already observed the review of the Sunday School lessons that appeared in the last issue of the Farmer. This review will be a regular feature of these columns in the future, under the direction of Rev. G. Lake Imes, Dean of the Phelps Hall Bible Training School. It is the aim to present these reviews sufficiently in advance of the lesson under discussion as to put them before Sunday School workers at least a week before they must be used in the Sunday School. Each review will present the gist of the lesson in such form as will give the teacher and scholar a grasp of the lesson as a whole. With this in hand the reader can develop the lesson according to the needs of the particular Sunday School in which he is interested.

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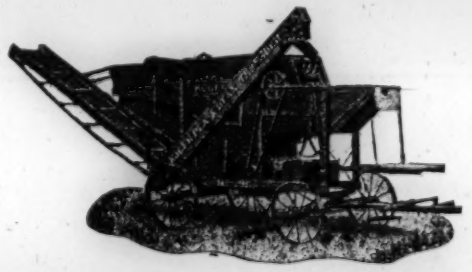

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The Sunday School Lesson

—*By G. Lake Imes*, Dean, Phelps Hall Bible Training School

July 30, 1916—The word Of The Cross
I Cor. 1:1-2:5.

The substance of this lesson is an appeal by the Apostle Paul to the Christians at Corinth to make the person and work of Jesus Christ the standard of Christian fellowship; to hold the cross of Christ as the touchstone of Christian faith.

Even at this early day in the history of the church division had arisen in the church over questions of faith and practice. In this instance the practice of baptism was involved—there were some who insisted that the validity of baptism depended upon the individual who administered it. Disciples were taking pride in their spiritual lineage tracing it back to Paul or Apollos or Cephas or Christ, according as each had been converted under the ministerings of one or the other of these. In the same way an effort had been made at an earlier time to make the rite of circumcision to be the test of Christian fellowship.

But Paul in this letter insists that the test of discipleship and the bond of Christian fellowship lie purely and simply in the person and work of Jesus Christ as exemplified in the cross. Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Do you trust in His death upon the cross to win you salvation from sin? If so, you are a Christian! That fact gives you fellowship with Jesus Christ; it entitles to fellowship with all believers though, as in this case, many may be too small and narrow to accord you the privilege.

For Daily Use: No rite or practice of the church can take precedence of the cross as the instrument of salvation. This was ordained of God himself; neither circumcision, nor baptism, nor the Lord's Supper can take its place. Whatever men may believe about the order and method of baptism, no man's salvation depends upon who baptized him or how he was baptized. This needs emphasis in our own time, lest—as Paul himself says—the cross of Christ should be made void.

Aug. 6, 1916—The Greatest Thing In The World—I. Cor. 13th Chapter.

The theme of this lesson is "Love." The word has been much abused and its meaning much perverted. So much so that when the King James version was made it was necessary to translate the original Greek word by the term "Charity." But the revised version uses the word "Love" and from the chapter itself we arrive at the true significance.

In the first part of the chapter love is compared with the other virtues in which the early Christians prided themselves. It is compared with eloquence, with prophesy, with knowledge, with faith, with generosity, with devotion; and the strongest language is used to place love infinitely beyond them all in value.

Then follows the matchless epitome of love's ways. It should be memorized by every mother, every father, every husband, every wife, every brother, every sister, every lover, every suitor, every friend. There is nothing obscure, nothing mysterious about it; it is eminently

simple, intensely practical. Yet who is he that measures up to its fulness? Who is he that has not yet more to learn from these simple verses?

Finally he gives to love its setting among the gifts and virtues with which life is adorned. None knew better than Paul the power of eloquence; none was more steeped in the wisdom of the ages than this same scholar who had sat at the feet of Gamaliel; none had relied more implicitly upon the ancient prophecies as the witness to his own gospel of the cross of Christ. But all these, he declares pass away; their usefulness is only for a time; but love and hope and faith endure forever. Never will there be a time when we will not need love; never a time when faith will not be the spring of spiritual impulse; hope must forever burn or the light of life dies out. And of them all love is the brightest and best; itself "the bond of perfection."

General Educational Meeting

We call attention of our readers to the interesting program below which is to be held in connection with the general meeting of the rural schools of Macon County, on August 9, 1916.

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PROGRAM

MACON COUNTY SCHOOL MEETING, AUG. 9, 1916
CHAPEL, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
9:30 A. M.

1. Invocation, Rev. J. W. Whittaker.
2. Introductory Remarks.
3. Report of Supervisors.
4. Old fashion spelling contest, by representative children from each of the 59 communities.
5. Music.
6. Home Makers' Club Work.
7. Children's Gardens, School Farms.
8. Music.
9. 12:30 to 1:30 Recess—Lunch.
10. How My Community Raised Money to Lengthen the School Term.
11. Song.
12. What it Means to be a School Trustee in Macon County.
13. Why Our Teachers Should Work in the Community 11 Months in the Year.
14. Song.
15. Addresses—Principal R. R. Moton, Mr. J. L. Sibley and Supt. W. B. Riley.

NOTE—Each of the schools in Macon County will be represented by their board of trustees. A line of march, led by the Institute Band and composed of the teachers, trustees, patrons and children of the various schools in Macon County, will form at the Agricultural Building and proceed as follows: Franklin Road, Maple Avenue by Parker Cottage, Old Hospital and then to the Chapel. Lunch will be served by the school.

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